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BLAST PLAN TO LOCATE JUVENILE HALL IN CITY

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No Juvenile Jail

The announcement by the County Board of Supervisors that it is considering four sites in Torrance, and two other sites near Torrance, for the construction of a Juvenile Hall should arouse as much opposition throughout the city as it did in the City Council chambers.

The council, led by Mayor Albert Isen, roundly condemned the plans contemplated by the Board of Supervisors to establish a detention center for South Bay and Harbor area delinquents. The Press, for one, applauds the council's determined action to prevent the location of any such juvenile jail in or near Torrance.

Mayor Isen alluded to the dangers Torrance residents would face if juvenile delinquents ever escaped from the jail. The danger is real, as the residents of Rolling Hills Estates found.

But there are other reasons why a juvenile detention center should not be placed here.

The city has its plans for homes and parks and industries that will enhance its growth and its future. A county juvenile jail is not an attraction to Torrance.

The city is bent on offering the best of recreational facilities, schools, social and sport activities to its young. The location of a county juvenile jail in the city is not the kind of facility the boys and girls of Torrance should get.

The Press requests the Board of Supervisors to look elsewhere for its Juvenile Hall site. We urge all Torrance residents to make known their views to the Board of Supervisors.

Council Fights County

Labeling the county's proposed branch Juvenile Hall a "junior Alcatraz," Mayor Albert Isen this week led City Council members in condemning plans of the Board of Supervisors to establish a Juvenile Hall in the city.

"I don't think anyone in Torrance wants it," Isen declared as the council voted to draw up a resolution demanding that the county drop its plan to select a Torrance site for the new Juvenile detention station.

"Torrance has the lowest juvenile delinquency rates to be found anywhere," the mayor said. "It's an imposition for the county to put such a building here," he added heatedly.

"Real dead end kids will be brought into our town," Isen explained, "and their presence here will not improve living conditions."

Supervisor Burton W. Chace revealed the possible locations, tentatively approved by the County Probation Department and the Juvenile Court Judges.

The first site, Chace stated, is on the northeast corner of Torrance blvd. and Madrona ave., adjacent to the Torrance City Hall.

The second site recommended by the Probation Office is on the northwest corner of Western ave. and 208 st., while the third site is on the west side of Western ave., a quarter of a mile south of 190 st.

The fourth site recommended to the Supervisors is on the east side of Western ave., a quarter of a mile south of 190 st. and the fifth is on the northwestern corner of Arlington ave. and 190 st. A sixth site, on the north side of El Segundo blvd. between Crenshaw blvd. and Western ave. in Gardena, was also selected.

Chace pointed out in his release that all of the sites were merely recommendations from the County Probation Office and that the final decision on the actual location of the facility will be made by the Board of Supervisors.

Isen revealed the contemplated building will be surrounded by high barbed fences and patrolled by armed guards. The branch will handle juvenile delinquents from the entire South Bay-Harbor area.

The council requested City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier to draw up its resolution to the Board of Supervisors.

Council Donates \$4,000 To Youth Band for Trip

The Torrance Area Youth Band was guaranteed its trip to the Mid-West Band Clinic in Chicago when the city council voted to donate \$4,000 of the band still needed to pay its expenses.

More than 25 parents of band members crowded into council chambers Tuesday night to back the appeal of Band Director James Van Dyck and applaud when the council voted, three to two, to supply what the band could not obtain in contributions from Torrance and area residents.

Van Dyck told the council that the band came before them only as a last resort. He said that the money was needed immediately to pay for advance plane reservations and hotel lodging for the 82 band members.

Mrs. Phillip Carpenter, of 1014 Kornblum ave., joined Van Dyck in the plea to council members. "We tried not to ask. We tried to do it ourselves," she said. "We came very close, but didn't raise enough."

The original goal of \$25,000 was trimmed down to about \$20,000, Van Dyck told the council. The money covers all expenses for the band's appearance before 5,000 music educators. The Torrance band, in

existence for 11 years, is one of eight such bands to be selected to appear before the convention.

Mayor Albert Isen broke a tie in the council to donate the money to the band. "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," he said, after telling the parents that taxpayers are weighing the expenditures of every penny.

Councilmen Willys Blount and Nick Draie favored the donation; Councilmen Victor Benstead and Robert Jahn opposed it.

Van Dyck told the council that the band had estimated its sale of Christmas candy at \$1500 even before band members made the annual door-to-door candy campaign. Five thousand jars have been packed and members will start their selling drive this weekend, he said.

Christmas Workshop Offered Adults

Ideas for an old-fashioned Christmas with a new flair will be featured by the Christmas Workshop of the Torrance Recreation department which will instruct adults in making Christmas gifts, cards, candles, gift wrappings and decorations.

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47 Don't Crow After Arrest

There was no crowing this week for 45 men and two juveniles caught by Torrance police in a mass raid on a cockfight being staged on a farm in the middle of the Marble oil tract on Crenshaw blvd.

Tried in South Bay Municipal Court Monday, 37 of the men were fined \$15 each and eight fined \$65 for witnessing the fights and possessing 22 game cocks, six of them dead.

Sgts. Mickey Fisher and Myles Hamilton, and Officers Wally Nitz, Sam Piazza and Robert Hammond, with the assistance of four members of the Sheriff's vice squad, surprised the group as they watched a fight in Salvador Duarte's stock pen at 2568 West 235 st.

Fisher lined up the raid with the assistance of Sgt. Don Hamilton, after receiving a phone call from an irate wife whose husband was watching the fights. Two men who climbed over the fence and tried to dash across the fields were cornered by Fisher and Nitz.

A city bus and driver, Lloyd Crowther, were pressed into service to take the 45 men and two youths to the city jail. "This is the largest raid ever conducted in the city," Fisher said.



COCK OF THE WALK pose is struck by Salvador Duarte, after his arrest Sunday for staging a cock fight.

City Takes Over Airport Operation

The City Council voted to take over operation of the Municipal Airport Tuesday night. The action ended a long simmering dispute between the city and Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc., operators of the airport.

Under the terms of an agreement approved by the council in a three to two vote, the city will pay Collins-Dietrich \$1000 a month until its contract terminates in May, 1959.

Mayor Albert Isen, and Councilmen Victor Benstead and Robert Jahn approved the proposed agreement negotiated by members of the airport commission and city officials with the air service company. Councilmen Nick Draie and Willys Blount opposed the action.

Jahn told the council that the Collins-Dietrich firm had sought termination of its contract, and that the city had applied no pressure on the company to bring an end to their long standing contract.

City Manager George Stevens estimated that the city would be unable to take over operation of the airport for at least two months.

In another action, the city council approved a new city ordinance prohibiting the sale and distribution of lewd and obscene literature in the city. The council invited two Harbor area distributors of 14 magazines to attend the pre-council session November 26. The council will attempt to interest the two companies to impose self-censorship in its distribution of the magazines named by the Torrance Juvenile Bureau as possibly containing salacious material.

Other council action included: The turning down of two requests to erect signs in the city limits. Denied were requests by Grandview Homes and Kissel Homes.

Approved the circulation of petitions by the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association for sidewalks in the area.

Adopted a resolution asking the governor to investigate the treatment of U.S. citizens traveling in Mexico.

Approved a resolution lauding the work of Superintendent of Schools, Dr. J. H. Hull.

School Board Rushes South High Addition

Bids for the construction of a second addition to South High school will be awarded by the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education at a special meeting Friday at noon.

Sherman E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent of business, said bids will be opened Thursday by school officials and recommendations will be made to the Board of Education at the special Friday meeting.

The \$1,100,000 addition to South High will include a gymnasium, locker and shower rooms, 14 classrooms, two of them for the physical education department, and a student parking lot.

The Board was cutting corners in its usual procedures in order to expedite construction of the school addition. Work could begin in two weeks, once the contract is awarded, Waldrip said.

At the same time, South High school officials hoped to begin moving from their temporary quarters at Torrance Elementary school into the new South High building during the Christmas holidays and tentatively scheduled classes on January 1 in the new building.

Thieves Take \$1,700 in Radio Equipment

More than \$1700 worth of hi-fi equipment, portable radios, and portable phonographs were carted from the T.V. Service store operated by Al Korony, at 1716 Andreo st. Saturday night.

The burglary was discovered by Korony when he opened the store early Sunday morning. The thieves had bored holes in a door in the rear of the store only to find their entrance blocked. They then drilled a larger hole in another rear door.

One hi-fi set valued at \$350 was taken from the store, along with 18 portable radios, two portable phonographs and 11 boxes of dry cell batteries. The burglars wore a path in the lawn behind the store as they carried the radios to their vehicle parked in the lot near the rear entrance.

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'TENDER LOVING CARE' motto of Volunteers For Children Inc., of Harbor General hospital, is put into practice by Virginia Stoddard, president, as she comforts six-month-old Kenneth Lackey. The Volunteers have just received recognition by 'Take Five', a promotional publication of The Saturday Evening Post. Volunteers

for Children, was started as a result of an article in the Post, called 'They Heal the Sick.' The Volunteers read to the children, play with them, bathe them, feed them and do anything that a parent would do for a sick, lonely, frightened or bored child.



READY TO GO HOME, John Shields, Jr., 7, at left, is all smiles as he says goodbye to Volunteer Carolyn Dock. His father stands by as the boy, hurt in an auto accident, is readied for the trip home. Volunteers must spend at least four hours a month at work in the hospital, buy a pinafore, pay \$1 a year dues and take a physical examination, given free at the hospital. In photo, below left, Allen Curtis and Mrs. Gloria Groskrej tangle in a game of checkers, Allen's favorite game. It takes his mind off his troubles. In the photo, below right, Mrs. Lauretta Madsen keeps Eugene Lindley busy with a trayful of toys. Volunteers are always available to read stories and provide amusement for the bed-ridden children. The attention does a great deal to banish the fear and loneliness of the youngsters in the hospital. This Press photo story is by Gladys Maxwell and Ken Swan.



LAND WEST OF THE AIRPORT is not going to be purchased by the city, the Airport Commission announced and the City Council echoed. "Due to the failure of the recent bond issue, funds are not available for such a purchase," Thomas B. Abrams, president of the airport commission declared.

MEANEST MAN IN TOWN is the man who entered the home of Peggy Swick, of 2534 West 182 st., reached into a bird cage, dashed a canary to the floor, and then opened another cage to release 11 parakeets. He grabbed three parakeets and snuffed out their lives.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT to win approval of park and recreation bonds is being sought by a committee of citizens headed by Herma Tillim, former Park Commissioner. Mrs. Tillim is organizing a petition drive to place the park and recreation bond issue before voters in April. Six members of the Southwest Park Civic Association volunteered to join the petition campaign.

THE TORRANCE AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE is championing at the bit for spring time and a chance to start on its way toward its fourth district championship in a row. The league, which meets at the Seaside School, is under the leadership of John Schnepf, newly elected president.

APPLICATIONS FOR CITY JOBS will be accepted up to December 3 at the Civil Service Board which announced openings for fireman, police matron and file clerk, park maintenance man and assistant superintendent of building. Minimum requirements for the job and an outline of job duties and salary are available at the Board's office in City Hall.

FIVE NEW POLICE OFFICERS were appointed to the Torrance Police Department last week. The five, Thomas O. Arnold, Ronald F. Nicolai, Darrell C. Lanham, Phillip Joseph and Clifford G. Smith, will take a six-month training course in the school conducted by the Sheriff's office.



ENCLOSED SUN PORCH, recently completed at the Hospital with funds collected by the Volunteers, is admired by Mrs. Carolyn Brinn, head of the occupational therapy department; and two new volunteers, Mrs. Edna Hunter and Mrs. Anna Fenn. Several other volunteer groups

including the Harbor Hospital Auxiliary and "The Candy Strippers", composed of teen-agers, carry on other activities among children and adult patients, according to Mrs. E. G. McAllister, coordinator of all volunteer services at the hospital.